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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Examiner: Unknown Karin Löffler, Hansjörg Mauk, Bernhard Jung, Heinz V. Olnhausen, and Siegfried Reichert Art Unit: Unknown Serial No.: To Be Determined (National Phase of PCT/EP99/04419) Filed: Herewith Docket No.: **D078 1110** FLEXIBLE MULTILAYER FLAT For: MATERIAL WITH REINFORCED **COVER LAYER**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-23 and 25 as follows:

1. (Amended) [Flexible] A flexible multilayer flat material comprising:

at least one cover layer with at least one flat reinforcement material positioned in the cover layer, whereby the reinforcement material is completely surrounded by the coating compound constituting the cover layer, so that a closed layer is formed around the

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